

ANNUAL REPORT . . .

for the Town of

EASTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE



YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1954

Annual Report

of the Financial Affairs

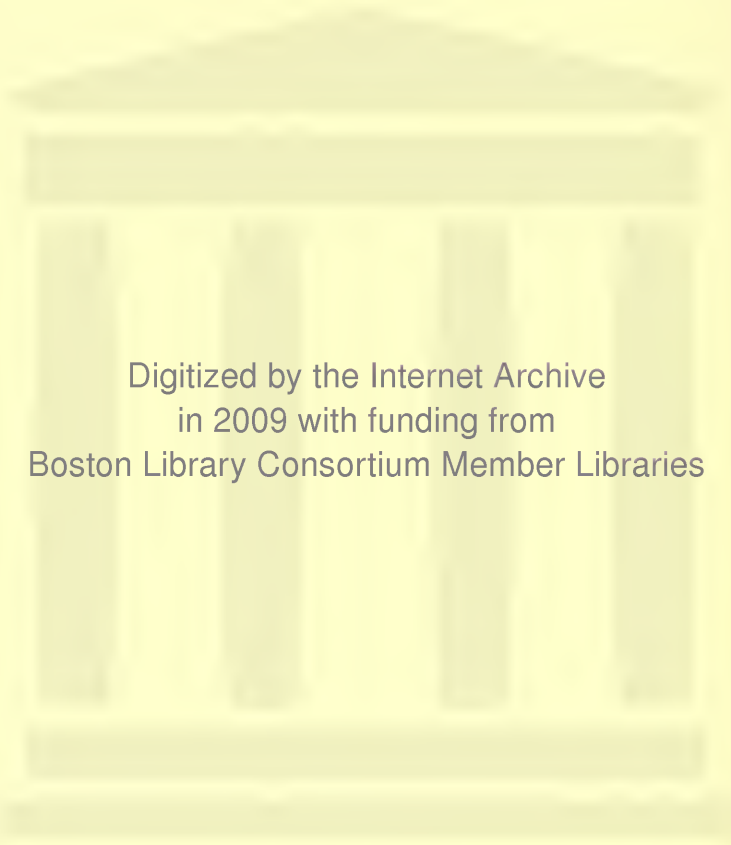
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TOWN OF EASTON, N. H.



YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1954

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

Helen J. Young

Clerk

Beulah A. Bowles

Treasurer

Sadie N. Glover

Selectmen

Durand B. Cooley

William S. Searles

Walter M. Wolff

Supervisors

Ion S. Whitcomb

Jack Kenney

Helene Schultze

Board of Education

Eva F. Cooley

Helen J. Young

Phyllis H. Bowles

Library Trustees

Margaret T. Whitcomb

Jane K. Cutter

Beulah A. Bowles

Tax Collector

Ion S. Whitcomb

Trustees of the Trust Funds

Ion S. Whitcomb

Phyllis H. Bowles

Eva F. Cooley

Police Officer

Ion S. Whitcomb

Dog Constable

Jack Kenney

Auditor

Helen J. Young

Sexton

Merton Edney

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Article 1. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year, with the exception of auditor.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to have the annual town books and records examined, audited and certified by an outside auditor or public accountant hired by the selectmen, or to continue the appointment of an individual as auditor chosen at the annual town meeting.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to accept Town Road Aid: Town's Share \$28.59; State's Share \$190.57; and raise money for same.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28.98 to the White Mountains Region Association, being 10¢ per \$1,000 of assessed valuation (1/100th of 1%) for the purpose of issuing and distributing printed matter and advertising and otherwise publicizing the advantages of the Town, in cooperation with the other 45 towns of the region.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to accept State Aid Construction: Town's Share—\$435.00; State's Share—\$1,000.00, and raise money for same.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to post an appropriate notice at the Town Hall or elsewhere, for the purpose of prohibiting the establishment of any automobile junk, scrap or storage areas on property facing, joining or abutting any of the principal, designated roads of the town.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$125.00 for the town library.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$75.00 for the cemetery.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to hire money for defraying town charges in anticipation of taxes, if necessary.

Article 10. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to allow discount for early payment of taxes. What per cent, and at what time?

Article 11. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as are stated in the proposed budget for repair to town highways and bridges, general expense of highways, snow removal, maintenance of town building, officers' salaries and expenses, and other town charges.

Article 12. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

The above warrant is correct to the following date:
January 25, 1955.

Durand B. Cooley
William S. Searles
Walter M. Wolff
Selectmen

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF EASTON

Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year, January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955, Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue of the Previous Year, January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue 1954	Actual Revenue 1954	Estimated Revenue 1955
From State:			
Bounties	\$	31.50	47.50
Interest and Dividends Tax	490.00	485.13	500.00
Savings Bank Tax	2.57		
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest lands	375.00	332.31	300.00
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	240.00	82.68	100.00
For Fighting Forest Fires		18.27	
National Forest Reserve	500.00	454.64	450.00
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	30.00	22.80	30.00
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings	300.00	120.00	
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits		.59	
1953 Delinquent Property Taxes		6.64	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	375.00	521.31	450.00
Cash Surplus		1,372.55	1,165.02
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2	70.00	84.00	80.00
Yield Taxes		124.39	100.00
Head Taxes		240.00	
Total Revenues From All Sources Except Property Taxes		3,896.81	3,222.52
Amt. to be Raised by Prop. Taxes	4,525.66	4,153.76	3,736.46
Total Revenues		\$8,050.57	\$6,958.98

Estimates of Expenditures for the Ensuing Year, January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955, Compared with Actual Expenditures and Appropriations of the Previous year, January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF EASTON

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Approp. 1954	Actual Expend. 1954	Estimated Expend. 1955
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	570.00	488.00	600.00
Town Officers' Expenses	300.00	259.27	300.00
Election and Registration Expenses	175.00	76.00	50.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other			
Town Buildings	528.88	116.21	175.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Fire Dept. and Civil Defense	100.00	9.14	100.00
Insurance	71.12	69.44	75.00
Bounties		47.50	
Health:			
Health Dept., including Hospitals	5.00	5.00	5.00
Vital Statistics	5.00	3.00	5.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance—Summer	500.00	524.29	500.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	350.00	315.09	350.00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	100.00	53.53	200.00
Town Road Aid	32.78	28.42	35.00
Libraries	125.00	125.00	125.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	100.00		50.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	75.00	39.25	75.00
Unclassified:			
Trust Fund Deposit (Fl. Pease)		200.00	
50% School Share N. F. R. F.		227.32	225.00
Advertising and Regional Assoc.	28.00	29.54	28.98
Highways and Bridges:			
State Aid Constr.—Town's Share	435.00	435.00	435.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:			
Head Taxes		217.00	
County Taxes	625.00	617.55	625.00
School Taxes	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Total Expenditures		\$6,885.55	6,958.98

INVENTORY OF 1954

Land and building	\$225,050.00
Growing wood and timber	14,380.00
Electric power lines	67,993.00
27 cows	2,975.00
7 horses	550.00
4 sheep	40.00
4 other neat stock	575.00
5 gasolene pumps	560.00
Wood and lumber	250.00
Mill and machinery	1,300.00
Valuation	\$313,673.00
Veteran's exemptions	\$ 6,300.00
Net valuation on which tax is computed	292,993.00
Property taxes	4,219.10
Poll taxes	78.00
Yield taxes	124.39
Total taxes for collector	\$ 4,297.10
Tax rate per \$100.00 valuation	1.44

LIST OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town hall and land	\$ 8,150.00
Furniture and equipment	120.00
Library and equipment	1,500.00
Fire department and equipment	70.00
Johnsky place	150.00
Total	\$ 9,990.00

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS
AND EXPENDITURES**

For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1954

	Appropriations	Expenditures	Overdraft	Unexpended Balance
Town Officers' salaries	\$ 570.00	488.00		82.00
Town Officers' expenses	300.00	259.27		40.73
Election and reg. exp.	175.00	76.00		99.00
Town Hall expenses	528.88	116.21		412.67
Fire Dept.	100.00	9.14		90.86
Vital Statistics	5.00	3.00		2.00
Town Maintenance: Summer	500.00	524.29	24.29	
Town Maintenance: Winter	350.00	315.09		34.91
General exp. of highways	100.00	53.53		46.47
State Aid Construction	435.00	435.00		
T. R. A. Town's Share	32.78	28.42		4.36
Cemetery	75.00	39.25		35.75
County Tax	625.00	617.55		7.45
School	3,000.00	3,000.00		
Library	125.00	125.00		
Cooperative Advertising	29.54	29.54		
Town Poor	100.00			100.00
Health	5.00	5.00		
Insurance, Town Hall	71.12	69.44		1.68
Trust Fund, Florence Pease	200.00	200.00		

**LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1954
COMPARED WITH THOSE OF 1955**

	1954	1955
Town Officers' salaries	\$ 570.00	\$ 600.00
Town Officers' expenses	300.00	300.00
Election and registration exp.	175.00	50.00
Town Hall expenses	600.00	250.00
Fire Dept. and Civil Defense	100.00	100.00
Vital Statistics	5.00	5.00
Town Maintenance: Summer	500.00	500.00
Town Maintenance: Winter	350.00	350.00
General Exp. of Highway Dept.	100.00	200.00
State Aid Construction	435.00	435.00
T. R. A. Town's Share	32.78	35.00
Cemetery	75.00	75.00
County Tax	625.00	625.00
School	3,000.00	3,000.00
Library	125.00	125.00
Cooperative Advertising	29.54	28.98
Town Poor	100.00	50.00
Health	5.00	5.00
50% School's Share of N. F. R. F.		225.00
Total for 1955		\$6,958.98

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Assets

Balance on hand December 31, 1954	\$ 1,165.02
Accounts due the Town:	
State of N. H., Bounties	47.50
Uncollected property taxes	4.32
Capital Reserve Fund	734.30
Total Assets	\$ 1,951.14

Liabilities

Capital Reserve Fund (To offset asset, above)	\$ 734.30
Total Liabilities	\$ 734.30
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	\$ 1,216.84

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1954 Auto Permits	\$ 521.31
1954 Dog Taxes	\$ 25.00
Less Clerk's Fee	2.20
	22.80
Total amount paid to Town Treasurer	\$ 544.11

BEULAH A. BOWLES,
Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Summary of Warrant Property, Poll and Yield Taxes Levy of 1954

DR.

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$ 4,219.10	
Poll Taxes	80.00	
Total Warrant		\$ 4,299.10
Yield Taxes		124.39
Added Taxes		
Poll Taxes		4.00
Interest collected		.19
Total Debits		\$ 4,427.68

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Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$ 4,153.76	
Poll Taxes	84.00	
Yield Taxes	124.39	
Interest collected	.19	
Discount allowed	61.02	
Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List:		
Property Tax	4.32	
Total Credits		\$ 4,427.68

**Summary of Warrant
Property, Poll and Yield Taxes
Levy of 1953**

DR.

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1954:			
Property Taxes	\$	6.64	
	<u> </u>	\$	6.64
Interest collected, during Fiscal Year, ended December 31, 1954			.40
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Total Debits	\$		7.04

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Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954:			
Property Taxes	\$	6.64	
Interest Collected		.40	
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Total Credits	\$		7.04

**Summary of Warrant
State Head Tax
Levy of 1954**

DR.

State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:

Original Warrant	\$	240.00	
Added Taxes		10.00	
Total Commitment	\$		250.00
Total Debits	\$		250.00

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Remittances to Treasurer:

Head Taxes	\$	240.00	
Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List:		10.00	
Total Credits	\$		250.00

Delinquent Taxes:

Head Taxes:

Dalton, Harold J.	\$	5.00	
Scheepsma, Gerardus		5.00	
	\$		10.00

Property Taxes:

Scheepsma, Gerardus	\$	4.32	
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"I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and the amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1954 , on account of the tax levy of 1954, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief."

ION S. WHITCOMB,
Tax Collector

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand January 1, 1954	\$ 1,372.55
Ion S. Whitcomb, Collector—Taxes	4,609.38
Beulah A. Bowles, Town Clerk—	
Automobile Taxes	521.31
Dog Taxes	22.80
Town Hall Rent—16 weeks to 4-H Club	120.00
From State of New Hampshire:	
Bounties	31.50
Reimbursement F. F. Train. School	13.70
Reimbursement Tax loss State Forest	
Lands	120.73
Reimbursement F. F. Training Meeting	4.57
Interest and Dividend Tax	485.13
Nat'l Forest Reserve Fund	454.64
Reimbursement Tax Loss on Growing	
Timber	82.68
Reimbursement Tax Loss on State or	
Federal Forest Lands	211.58
Total	\$ 8,050.57
Paid on account of 65 Selectmen's Orders	6,885.55
Cash balance on hand—Jan. 1, 1955	\$ 1,165.02

SADIE N. GLOVER,
Treasurer

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

1954

Town Officers' Salaries	\$	488.00
Town Officers' Expenses		259.27
Election and Registration		76.00
Town Hall Expense		185.65
Fire Department		9.14
Bounties		47.50
Health Department		5.00
Vital Statistics		3.00
Town Maintenance: Winter		315.09
Town Maintenance: Summer		524.29
General Exp. of Highway Dept.		53.53
State Aid Construction		435.00
Town Road Aid		28.42
Library		125.00
Cooperative Advertising		29.54
Cemetery		39.25
Trust Fund		200.00
Head Tax		217.00
County Tax		617.55
School District		3,227.32
Total Payments	\$	6,885.55

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Detail 1. Town Officers' Salaries

Helen J. Young, Moderator	\$ 4.00
Ion S. Whitcomb, Tax Collector	71.00
Durand B. Cooley, Selectman Chairman	237.50
William S. Searles, Selectman	32.50
Walter M. Wolff, Selectman	40.00
Oliver L. Bowles, Selectman	28.00
Beulah A. Bowles, Clerk	35.00
Sadie N. Glover, Treasurer	35.00
Heinze Schultze, Auditor	5.00
Total	\$ 488.00

Detail 2. Town Officers' Expenses:

Wheeler and Clark, dog tags	\$ 3.48
Courier Printing Co., town reports	165.30
Oliver L. Bowles, selectman expense	3.35
Wheeler and Clark, selectman's stamp	3.25
Hunkins and Eaton, bonds	32.50
F. J. Shores, land transfers	1.86
Courier Printing Co., selectman's notice	1.80
Ida M. Horner, tax collector's assoc., dues	3.00
Beulah Bowles, town clerk	.73
William S. Searles, selectman	1.75
Walter M. Wolff, selectman	6.95
D. B. Cooley, selectman	10.00
Charles R. Hardy, town Clerk's assoc., dues	2.00
Ion S. Whitcomb, tax collector	21.80
Sadie Glover, town treasurer	1.50
Total	\$ 259.27

Detail 3. Election and Registration:

Ivah Edney, ballot clerk	\$	8.00
Doris Lang, ballot clerk		8.00
Phyllis Bowles, ballot clerk		8.00
Eva Cooley, ballot clerk		8.00
Helen Young, moderator		8.00
Ion Whitcomb, supervisor		12.00
Beulah Bowles, town clerk		12.00
Helene Schultze, supervisor		12.00
Total	\$	76.00

Detail 4. Town Hall Expenses:

Public Service Co., lights	\$	34.46
Merton Edney, janitor		66.00
Littleton Hardware, floor wax and cleaner		10.50
O. L. Bowles, labor on door and screens		5.25
Farm Bureau Insurance Co., town hall ins.		69.44
Total	\$	185.65

Detail 5. Fire Department:

D. B. Cooley, fire warden	\$	4.36
Ion S. Whitcomb, fire warden		4.78
Total	\$	9.14

Detail 6. Bounties:

Alvin Shepard, 6 hedge hogs	\$	3.00
Alvin Shepard, 1 bear		5.00
Albert Hubbard, 1 bear		5.00
Ellsworth Hubbard, 2 bears		10.00
Willis Herbert, 1 bear		5.00
Thelma Hubbard, 1 bear		5.00

Loyde C. Foote, 1 bear	5.00
Hugh Whitcomb, 1 bear	5.00
D. B. Cooley, 9 hedge hogs	4.50

Total	\$ 47.50
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Detail 7. Health Department:

D. B. Cooley, Health Officer	\$ 5.00
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Detail 8. Vital Statistics:

Beulah Bowles, town clerk	\$ 3.00
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Detail 9. Town Maintenance, Winter:

Treasurer, State of N. H., plowing snow	\$ 299.49
Ion S. Whitcomb, road agent, plowing snow	15.60

Total	\$ 315.09
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Detail 10. Town Maintenance, Summer:

Ion S. Whitcomb, road agent, labor and equipment	\$ 205.00
Treasurer, State of N. H.	319.29

Total	\$ 524.29
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Detail 11. General Exp. of Highway Dept.:

Robert W. Sherburn, bridge plank	\$ 11.92
Treasurer, State of N. H., chloride	10.61
Ion S. Whitcomb, gravel	31.00

Total	\$ 53.53
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Detail 12. State Aid Construction:

Treasurer, State of N. H.	\$ 435.00
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Detail 13. Town Road Aid:

Treasurer, State of N. H.	\$	28.42
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Detail 14. Library:

Jane Cutter, Treasurer, Appropriation	\$	125.00
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Detail 15. Recreation:

White Mt. Region Association	\$	29.54
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Detail 16. Cemetery:

Merton Edney, sexton	\$	33.25
Oliver Bowles, mowing		6.00

Total	\$	39.25
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Detail 17. Trust Fund:

Ion S. Whitcomb, Trustee of Trust Fund for Florence Pease	\$	200.00
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Detail 18. Head Tax

State Treasurer	\$	217.00
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Detail 19. County Tax:

Lawrence M. Colby, county treasurer	\$	617.55
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Detail 20. School District:

Jane Cutter, treasurer	\$	3,227.32
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PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL TREASURER

½ N. F. R. F. for year ending June 30, 1955	\$	227.32
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All appropriation for the year ending June 30, 1955		3,000.00
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Total	\$	3,227.32
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Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Easton on December 31, 1954

Date of Creation	Trust Funds Purpose of Creation	How Invested	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balance of Income On Hand at Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance of Income End of Year
1916	R. W. Young Trust Fund	Lisbon Sav. Bk. & Tr. Co.	\$ 100.00	2%	13.35	2.27	1.10	14.52
1922	Peter Kinsman and Bernsley Edwards Trust Fund	Littleton Savings Bank	100.00	3%	30.16	3.93	1.10	32.99
1937	Orin G. Bowles Trust Fund	Littleton Savings Bank	200.00	3%	45.20	7.40	1.10	51.50
1947	Arthur Pease Trust Fund	Littleton Savings Bank	114.00	3%	10.34	3.75	1.10	12.99
1947	Charles Young Trust Fund	Littleton Savings Bank	200.00	3%	19.46	6.62	1.60	24.48
1945	Town of Easton Sinking Fund	Littleton Savings Bank	300.00	3%	{	{		134.30
1946	Town of Easton Sinking Fund	Littleton Savings Bank	300.00	3%				
1954	Florence Pease Trust Fund	Littleton Savings Bank	200.00	3%				
			\$1,514.00		\$231.28	\$47.50	\$6.00	\$272.78

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.
Dated December 31, 1954.

ION S. WHITCOMB,
PHYLLIS H. BOWLES,
EVA COOLEY,
Trustees

EASTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Librarian's Report

Again I take this time to thank all who have so generously given books and magazines to the Library. Because of this generosity we have enjoyed several new magazines. From gifts and money from the sale of discarded books we have added 72 other books to the Library.

The Bookmobile has made 6 trips to the Library again this year. We borrowed 341 books and loaned 522.

Number of Visitors	259
Books Loaned:	
Adult Fiction	844
Non-fiction	91
Juvenile Fiction	107
Non-fiction	39
Total of Books Loaned	1340
Magazines Loaned	71
Total Circulation	1411
Number of Readers	26

The Library is open to the Public every Saturday afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00 P. M.

IVAH EDNEY,
Librarian

LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance on Hand Jan. 1, 1954	\$	46.04	
Received from Selectmen —			
appropriation		125.00	
	\$		171.04
Salary of Librarian	\$	100.00	
Insurance on books		11.14	
Books purchased (3)		3.45	
Bank Charges — check book		2.00	
			116.59
Balance on hand December 31, 1954	\$		54.45

JANE K. CUTTER,
Trustee

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

Board of Selectmen,
Easton, N. H.

This is to certify that the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk and Trustees of the Trust Funds, charged with the custody, receipt and disbursements of public funds, were examined and audited, and in my opinion were found correct.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN J. YOUNG,
Auditor

FOREST FIRE PREVENTION IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

Carelessness is responsible for 97 percent of all our forest fires. This is a serious indictment of our interest in our own welfare and that of our neighbors. In too many instances this carelessness results in the destruction, not of the careless one's own property, but of someone not even known to him.

Thoughtlessly thrown lighted cigars, cigarettes and matches from moving vehicles, by hikers, hunters and fishermen; the careless burning of debris during hazardous periods, high winds or in dangerous locations; improperly extinguished camp or cook fires — all add up to the CARELESSNESS that means serious loss of property, disruption of industry and farm work and unnecessary expenditures of town and state funds.

It points to the need of eliminating CARELESSNESS so far as it concerns fire from our daily life. The rules are simple — your cooperation is earnestly solicited.

1. Be careful with fire in or near woodlands.
2. Be sure that all lighted material — cigars, cigarettes and matches — is completely out before discarding it. Use ash trays in autos.
3. Secure the required written permission to burn from your local forest fire warden when the ground is not completely covered with snow.
4. Insist that others be careful and comply with burning requirements.
5. Call the warden promptly when fire is detected and aid him to extinguish it.

Let's remember that FOREST FIRE PREVENTION is EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS and our MOST IMPORTANT undertaking!

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
EASTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

DISTRICT OFFICERS

School Board

Mrs. Eva Cooley, Chairman Term Expires 1956
 Mrs. Helen Young Term Expires 1955
 Mrs. Phyllis Bowles Term Expires 1957

OTHER DISTRICT OFFICERS

Mrs. Beulah Bowles Moderator
 Miss Jane Cutter Treasurer
 Mrs. Margaret Whitcomb Auditor
 Mrs. Ivah Edney Clerk
 Mr. Ronald A. Perham Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Easton, New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said District on the ninth day of March, 1955, at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the District.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application

against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the School Board to certify to the Selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

9. To see if the District wishes to submit its transportation to bids.
10. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

EVA COOLEY,
HELEN YOUNG,
PHYLLIS BOWLES,

School Board

BUDGET FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT OF EASTON 1955-56

	Paid Out 1953-54	Budget 1954-55	Paid Out to Jan. 1, '55	Proposed Budget 1955-56
ADMINISTRATION				
1. Salaries of District Officers	\$ 36.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 62.00
2. Superintendent's Salary	*62.98	62.60		65.00
3. Tax for Statewide Supervision	40.00	30.00	30.00	28.00
4. Salaries of Other Adm. Personnel	35.02	3.00	78.01	3.00
5. Supplies & Expenses	30.65	35.00		35.00
INSTRUCTION				
9. Salaries of Clerical Assistant		33.70	33.70	35.00
10. Supplies and Other Expenses		6.42		10.00
AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES				
16. Transportation	1,300.00	1,800.00	520.00	1,300.00
17. Tuition	2,280.00	3,000.00	501.50	2,500.00
FIXED CHARGES				
19. Retirement		6.42		10.00
20. Insurance, Treas. Bond and Exp.	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
24. Contingency Fund				200.00
	<u>\$3,789.65</u>	<u>\$5,018.14</u>	<u>\$1,174.21</u>	<u>\$4,253.00</u>

* Superintendent's salary is \$6,650. The State pays \$2,750. The Union pays \$3,900., divided as follows: Benton \$61.81, Easton \$62.60, Franconia \$643.11, Landaff \$123.63, Lincoln \$1,305.72, Lisbon Special \$1,147.58, Lisbon Town \$257.98, Lyman \$125.58 and Sugar Hill \$171.99. Division as determined by law. Report by Act of Legislature in form suggested by State Department of Education. Difference of 38¢ rebated by vote of Supervisory Union No. 34, December 8, 1953.

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1955-1956

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1955.

Total amount required to meet school board's budget as itemized in Column 4 of the Budget Report.

\$4,253.00

Estimated Income of District

Balance June 30, 1955	\$2,000.00
Forest Reserve	350.00

We recommend that the District adopt the proposed budget and raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,253.00 for the school year 1955-1956.

EVA COOLEY,
HELEN YOUNG,
PHYLLIS BOWLES,
School Board

Recommended Motion:

Moved that the School District raise and appropriate \$4,253.00 and to authorize and direct the School Board to apply against said appropriation such income as is estimated by the School Board, exclusive of State Aid, and upon the determination of the amount of State Aid to be received by the School District during the next fiscal year, to authorize and direct the School Board to apply against such appropriation the sum to be received from State Aid and with the School District Clerk certify to the Selectmen the balance as an assessment to be raised by the town for school purposes.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand July 1, 1953	\$ 2,930.56	
Federal Aid, Forest Reserve	505.48	
Local Taxation		
Current Appropriation	2,887.82	
Balance of Previous Appro.	1,112.18	
	<u> </u>	\$ 7,436.04

PAYMENTS

Orders of the School Board	\$ 3,789.65	
Cash on Hand at End of Year (June 30, 1954)	3,646.39	
	<u> </u>	\$ 7,436.04

July 1, 1954 to January 1, 1955

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand July 1, 1954	\$ 3,646.39	
Appropriation from Selectmen	3,227.32	
	<u> </u>	\$ 6,873.71

PAYMENTS

Orders of the School Board	\$ 1,174.21	
Cash on Hand January 1, 1955	5,699.50	
	<u> </u>	\$ 6,873.71

BALANCE SHEET**June 30, 1954****ASSETS**

Cash on Hand, June 30, 1954	\$	3,646.39
Accounts Due District		
From Town		1,112.18
	\$	4,758.57

LIABILITIES

Excess of Assets over Liabilities	\$	4,758.57

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER**Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1954**

Cash on Hand July 1, 1953	\$	2,930.56
Received from Selectmen		
Current Appropriation	\$	4,000.00
Forest Reserve		505.48
		4,505.48
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year	\$	7,436.04
Less School Board Orders Paid		3,789.65
Balance on Hand June 30, 1954	\$	3,646.39

JANE K. CUTTER,
Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Easton of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954 and find them correct in all respects.

MARGARET T. WHITCOMB,
Auditor

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Board and Citizens of Easton:

I herewith submit my twelfth annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

There were 14 pupils attending school last year. Six elementary pupils enrolled in the Franconia Elementary School, and 8 were enrolled in the High School, better known as Dow Academy.

There are 7 pupils attending school this year — four in the elementary school and three in the high school. They are as follows: Dale Bowles, Grade 2; Bernice Cooley, Grade 6; Ingrid Schultze, Grade 6; Lois Bowles, Grade 7; Alice Cooley, Grade 9; Peter Bowles and Eleanor Cooley, Grade 11.

The seven pupils who have apparently left school are still enrolled at Dow Academy but now live in Franconia and Lisbon Town.

Your school census this year showed 4 pre-school children, 7 in school and 1 under eighteen out of school. Last year there were 3 pre-school children, 14 in school and 4 under eighteen out of school.

Recent graduates of Dow Academy from Easton are:

Katherine Cooley, employed at the Tramway;
Roger Glover, employed at Vintinner's Filling
Station; Patricia Leighton, employed at New
England Telephone and Telegraph Company;
George Whitcomb, employed at home; Evelyn
Wolff, attending Simmons College.

A report of the work at Dow Academy is included in this report.

I wish to thank the school officers and members of the community for their continued cooperation and support.

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD A. PERHAM,

Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

The fourth annual report of the present administration of Dow Academy is hereby submitted.

FACULTY

The fall term began with the following teachers several of whom were staff members last year: Mrs. Alice Leavitt, Mr. Oliver Cole, Jr., Mr. Ernest Morin, and myself. Five teachers new to our system were contracted to fill the gap left by those who did not return for this school year. Miss Helen Bridgeo, a graduate of Plymouth Teachers' College, is teaching grades three and four. Mrs. Janice Darling, also a Plymouth Teachers' College graduate, is teaching the Commercial studies. Mrs. Jane Evans, of Lisbon and Keene, is teaching Home Economics for grades seven and eight and also vocal music for all grades. Miss Nancy Klingensmith, who formerly taught at Monroe, is teaching grades five and six. Miss Janet Stewart, another recent graduate of Plymouth Teachers' College, is teaching English and French. Franconia is fortunate in this day of great teacher shortages to have such a capable faculty. It is a pleasure to work with them. They are conscientious, serious, and eager to do their best for your children.

CURRICULUM

The shop has been moved from the gymnasium to the small building to the east of the gym. Much of the work done in preparing the building for use was supplied by the shop students. This new set-up has afforded us more room and much better area for work. We feel that the results are well worth the trouble of moving. Junior and Senior boys are now able to take shop courses. This year Practical Electricity and Auto Mechanics are being offered. Shop courses are

offered to all grades in the high school and we are operating on an eight period day. Each period is forty-five minutes in length. All classes meet five periods per week. The exceptions are in shop courses, commercial courses (Stenography and Typing), and scientific courses (Biology and Chemistry). The above courses meet either seven or ten periods per week.

ACTIVITIES

The organization of the ski program has been changed. The ski lessons offered are sponsored and supported by the school alone. The Franconia Junior Ski Club through the Roland Peabody Memorial Fund provides equipment for those who do not have it. The entire program is under the capable supervision of Oliver Cole, Jr.

The band is under the direction of Mr. George McLure. This year the band rehearses with Bethlehem and with Lincoln on an alternating week basis. Mrs. Evans directs the Glee Club. One concert has been given and others are planned for the rest of the year.

Dow was one of the first schools to participate in the Firearms Safety Program. This program was sponsored by the State Department of Education. Mr. Cole directed the instruction. The results should prove very beneficial.

The Dramatics Club, directed by Miss Stewart, presented one very successful play and another will be presented in the spring. A public speaking contest for grades seven and eight was held this fall. A contest for the upper grades is planned for the spring.

The Student Council is working on a plan for the awarding of sweaters for those students who will have earned enough points during their school years. These points would be based on all types of activities.

A school newspaper is once again being published by the students. One issue has already come off the

press and further issues are being planned. Mrs. Darling is in charge of this activity.

The elementary teachers and pupils provided a fine Christmas program for the school. The elementary division of the school is bustling with industrious activity and accomplishment. These teachers are doing a fine job, teaching the fundamentals and background materials to their students.

Under the co-sponsorship of the Trustees and the Dow Academy P. T. A., dancing lessons were given interested students by Mrs. Ross of St. Johnsbury, Vermont. Many students participated and many social benefits are gained.

ATHLETICS

The following athletic program is offered at the school this year:

Fall baseball directed by Mr. Cole. Boys basketball directed by Mr. Shores. Girls basketball direct by Miss Stewart and Mrs. Darling. Junior and Senior Ski teams directed by Mr. Cole. Baseball directed by Mr. Cole. Softball directed by Miss Stewart.

HEALTH

Physicial examinations were held as usual for grades 4, 8, and 11. All children were also given the opportunity to have a complete physical examination. Dr. Parker conducted these with the assistance of Miss Simeneau. Eye and ear tests have also been conducted by Miss Simeneau. The Dental Clinic is in operation and grades 2 and 5 are the first to take advantage of this worthwhile program. We hope that this will be the beginning of a better and more expanded dental health program.

SCHOOL LUNCH

We were fortunate to find two ladies to replace Mrs. Lena Shores as operator of the lunch program. Mrs. Harry Aldrich and Mrs. Edgar Dexter have done a fine

job continuing this valuable program. It is our hope that the near future will see a lunch program located here at the school which will offer hot lunches during the full school year.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Mid-term reports are sent home again this year to all parents of children in grades 7-12. It is our hope that these, plus report cards, will keep parents closely informed of their children's progress at school. Parents and visitors are welcome to visit their school in operation. We are expanding our guidance materials in an effort to better guide the students in school activities and in their future goals in life. Parental cooperation in the home is of the greatest value.

We are also setting up a program whereby we can locate and improve the reading difficulties and skills of the students. This is a long term project and will require hard work by the whole faculty.

We are again indebted to the Trustees for their generous assistance in providing funds for many useful projects at school. Personal contributions by individual Trustees are also gratefully appreciated.

It was a sincere loss to the school and students when our beloved bus driver, Perry Ball, passed away. His friendliness, thoughtfulness, and understanding of the students will always be remembered and appreciated. The new arrangement for school transportation is working efficiently and satisfactorily.

This year is proving to be a very happy one. It is my feeling that the school is operating smoothly and much is being accomplished in the way of desirable educational goals. It is my firm conviction that much credit should go to your conscientious School Board and to your capable and understanding Superintendent.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL H. FARRIS, Principal

EASTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Expenditures — 1953-1954

ADMINISTRATION

1. Salaries of District Officers

a. Eva F. Colley, Chairman		
School Board	\$	19.00
b. Phyllis Bowles, School Board		6.50
c. Helen Young, School Board		6.50
d. Ivah Edney, Clerk		2.00
e. Beulah Bowles, Moderator		2.00
	—————\$	36.00

2. Superintendent's Salary

a. Treas., Supervisory Union No. 34	62.98
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3. Tax for Statewide Supervision

a. Treas., State of N. H.	40.00
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4. Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel

a. Margaret Whitcomb, census	3.00
b. Treas., Supervisory Union	
No. 34, Clerical	32.02
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	35.02

5. Supplies and Expenses

a. Treas., Supervisory Union No. 34	30.65
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AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

16. Transportation

a. Perry Ball	1,300.00
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17. Tuition

a. Franconia School District	
Elementary	1,080.00
High School	1,200.00
	2,280.00

FIXED CHARGES

20. Insurance

a. Merrill's Insurance Agency, Treasurer's Bond	5.00
Total	\$ 3,789.65

MARRIAGES — 1954

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each	Age	Occupation	Name of Parents	Name, Residence and official station of person by whom married
November 20 Franconia	Roger Wilfred Glover Teresa Marie Gamel	Easton Franconia	21 20	Mechanic At Home	Clayton Glover Sadie Noyes Ludwik J. Gamel Zofia Wiczarek	Rev. J. K. O'Connor Roman Cath. Priest Littleton

